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The Food Drive Is Coming!!!

By Adrienne B., 5th grade



Every winter at Edison we have a food drive. From December third to the twelfth, you can donate food to families who might not be able to afford it. Around the winter holidays is a time for happiness, and getting food can make people be happy, right? You can put all the canned and non-perishable foods in designated boxes in your classroom. Remember, the more food you donate, the more happiness!

Image from: www.beloitfcc.org



Look At All The Fun We Had At Book Fair!!

By Emma T., 4th grade



Editorial: *Chocolate is a Vegetable*

By Sam G., Grade 5

I would like to educate parents about chocolate. Yes, chocolate is a vegetable. Parents, unless you want your kids to eat chocolate, don't tell your kids to eat their vegetables. I have proof that chocolate is a vegetable because it comes from beans which come from a plant (see photo at right).

I am Sam, and I approve this message. (Image from: www.suite101.com)



Interviews



Interview with Debra Gelzer

by *John W., 5th grade*

How did you get to Edison?

My school Hillside School closed and there was a 4/5 teaching spot open at Edison.

What do you like best about teaching?

You can continue to learn that kids are so creative, friendly and resourceful.

What college did you go to?

I went to Vassar in New York.

What is your favorite subject?

I love reading and social studies.

Do you have any hobbies?

Yes, I love to garden, bike, read, travel and take care of my chickens.

If you could travel anywhere where would you go?

I would love to go to India because it has many contrasts.

Who is your favorite singer?

I like Jazz, Diana Crawl, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett and the lead singer to the musical Wicked.

What your favorite song?

Sunrise, Sunset from Fiddler on the Roof is my favorite.

If you could vote for one actor for President who would it be?

I would vote for Martin Sheen.



Save the Pets

An interview with Laura Ralls

By *Emma J., 4th grade*

What kind of pets does Save the Pets have?

They have cats, dogs, rabbits, birds, reptiles, farm animals and a lot more too. You can check them out at www.savethepets.net

How did you get started with Save the Pets?

How long have you been helping them?

I saw them in an article in the Register Guard and about how you could foster animal. I have been helping them for about 6 months.

Delainey M., 5th grade, interviews



Laura Hood New 1st grade teacher

Laura, why did you want to become a teacher? "Because I enjoyed school a lot myself, so it seemed to be like a good place to be."

Do you have any previous teaching experience? If so, where? "Yes. I taught at Fox Hollow in 1st grade for six years. I also taught 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade and I did my student teaching at Edison! I taught for Mary McKrola (3/4 mix)."

Do you have any special class technology (like the smart-board)? "Yeah, I have the Smart-board & the document camera."

Do you like teaching at Edison? Why? "I do! I love it! I love the beautiful building and the mix of academics and things like art. I like that it's a neighborhood school, and I love that it's a part of a community."

Do you have any weird favorites? "I like guacamole and my doors are purple. When I was a kid, I had purple shag carpet."

What is one of your favorite hobbies? "I like making quilts."

Why did you decide to teach 1st grade? "One of the things that I enjoy about 1st grade is teaching kids to read."

Thanks for this time!

What kind of pets do you have that you are fostering?

I have 4 kittens that I have been fostering for four weeks. They are very cute.

What's the most important thing that you can do to help the animals?

There are so many ways to help. It is hard to pick just one, but almost everybody can do something. Go to their website for lots of different ways to help.

What's the funniest thing that one of your pets ever did?

My foster kittens love to lie down under my wood stove and play and under my cooking stove too. They jump out and attack each other.

Write On!

How to Write Great Notes

by Yunis L., 4th grade

This is how I make notes for my parents:

1. Get a marker.
2. Get a piece of paper.
3. Write To and From.
4. Write something that your parents might love.
5. Give the note to your parents, or put it on their pillow.



I write notes because my Mom really loves notes!



by Yunis L., 4th grade

A Masterpiece for Bess is a fairy tale chapter book, but it's not a hard chapter book. My favorite part is when Bess finds Tinker Bell's room. Here is a sentence from Chapter One: "Come in to my **room**," said Bess.



Book Review

School Poem

by John W, 5th grade

Back to school off I go
Homework and friends a plenty
At the rate I'm going now
I'll be here 'til I'm twenty
Everything is such a bore
At my desk I wait
For something that is not a worksheet
A big test would be great

Maybe I would get an 'F'
And get the boot from school
My mom and dad would both get mad
And feed me bowls of gruel

But maybe I would get an 'A'
The teachers would be glad
My parents would be happy, too
I gave it all I had

Here my grade comes now
And I am filled with glee
I wonder what my grade is
What? I got a 'C'!!!?

The History of **STAR WARS***

By Sam G., Grade 5

In 1977 **Star Wars: A New Hope** was released. The producer, George Lucas had begun series of very famous movies. With in six years, Lucas had made two more block busters in the series.

For sixteen years, people talked of Star Wars as the exciting trilogy about Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Obi-wan Kenobi and Jedi Master Yoda in their struggle against the empire lead by Darth Vader who viewers were shocked to discover was Luke's father Anakin Skywalker, a former Jedi knight.

Twenty-two years after the original Star Wars movie was released, George Lucas went back to make another trilogy that told the story of how Obi-wan Kenobi and his master Qui-gon Jinn found Anakin on the desert planet Tatooine, and how after being trained by Obi-wan betrayed the Jedi and turned to the dark side of the force. This summer, **Star Wars: the Clone Wars** came out, but unlike the first six, it was animated.

Some of the most famous Star Wars actors are Mark Hamil, Harrison Ford, Alec Guinness, Carrie Fisher, Ewan McGregor, Jake Lloyd, Hayden Christensen, Liam Neeson, Frank Oz, Samuel Jackson, and Temuera Morrison.

**Shortened edition*

Apple Pie



by McKenzie S-W., 4th grade

Apple-y, cinnamon-y, delicious, buttery, yummy pie. The reason I picked apple pie was that once my mom left the room and when she was gone I finished making the pie all by myself without breaking the glass bowl that the apples, cinnamon and sugar were in. I was six. So if I did that at six you can try it now.

1. Preheat oven to 350° F (175° C).
2. To Make Crust: In a large bowl, mix together 1 1/2 cups flour, oil, milk, 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar and salt until evenly blended. Pat mixture into a 9 inch pie pan, spreading the dough evenly over the bottom and up sides. Crimp edges of the dough around the perimeter.
3. To Make Filling: Mix together 3/4 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Sprinkle over apples and toss to coat. Spread evenly in unbaked pie shell.
4. To Make Topping: Using a pastry cutter, mix together 1/2 cup flour, 1/2 cup sugar and butter until evenly distributed and crumbly in texture. Sprinkle over apples.
5. Put pie in the oven on a cookie sheet to catch the juices that may spill over. Bake 45 minutes.

This recipe comes from allrecipes.com

COCONUT MACAROONS

by Delainey M.,
grade 5

These cookies are fairly easy, and have very few ingredients.

I definitely recommend them, but don't

let them cook too long or they'll stick to the sheet.



- 1/2 tsp salt
- 4 egg whites*
- 1 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups sweetened shredded coconut

Add salt to egg whites and beat with electric mixer until stiff but not dry. Add sugar slowly, beating until granules are dissolved. Mix in lightly vanilla and coconut. Do this by hand. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased brown paper (wax paper works okay) on cookie sheets. Bake in pre-heated 350 oven (NOT A TOASTER OVEN!!!) for about 20 minutes. Slip paper onto wet paper or board and let stand for 1 minute. Loosen cookies and remove onto wire racks. Makes 2 1/2 dozen macaroons. At least that's what the cookbook says! When I make them, it makes about 15-20 macaroons. They're normally gone in a day or two at my house!

I got this recipe out of a cookbook called The Gluten Free Gourmet
by Bette Hagman

* Separating egg yolks from egg whites is tricky, but it can be mastered with practice. This is how you do it: Crack the egg in half, but DON'T put it in the bowl. Instead, drop the egg back and forth in the egg shells over a bowl. Don't be afraid to get a little bit of the egg on you, because it's going to happen! The egg whites will drop into the bowl and you should put the yolks into a container and store them in the fridge.

Recipes

HOW TO MAKE PANCAKES

By Emma T., 4th grade



recipe4child.blogspot.com

When I was a little kid in kindergarten, I loved pancakes. On the weekend we would have pancakes and I would eat as much as my mom would let me. Hope you like them as much as I did!!!

INGREDIENTS (Recipe from Allrecipes.com)

- 1 1/2 cups dry pancake mix
- 1/2 cup flax seed meal
- 1 cup skim milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup fresh or thawed frozen blueberries

DIRECTIONS

1. Set a nonstick skillet over medium heat.
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the pancake mix and flax seed meal. In a separate bowl or measuring cup, whisk together the milk and eggs. Pour the liquid into the dry ingredients, and stir just until moistened.
3. Spoon 1/4 cupfuls of batter onto the hot skillet. Sprinkle with as many

blueberries as desired. Cook until bubbles appear on the surface, then flip and cook until browned on the other side.



troublewithtoast.files.wordpress.com

Making Meringues!

By Adrienne B., 5th Grade



One night when I was coming home from soccer, I smelled something very good. My mom and my brother had made meringues!

After I had tried them, I realized that I could make them myself! Finally, I discovered that they were very easy to make. You can make them, too!

3 large [egg whites](#) (3 ounces or 90 grams)

1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

3/4 cup (150 grams) superfine or caster [sugar](#) (if you don't have superfine sugar simply take granulated white sugar and process it for about 30 seconds in a food processor)

1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). To prevent burning you can bake on an air cushion baking sheet or put parchment paper on a regular cookie sheet.
2. Beat egg whites, salt and cream of tartar until very firm. Gradually add sugar and mix. Fold in vanilla chocolate chips.
3. Drop by teaspoonfuls on pan. Bake 300 degrees for 25 minutes. They should only be lightly browned.

directions from: allrecipes.com

Image from: z.about.com

recipe from: joyofbaking.com

Sports

Backyard Sports

Web Site Review
by Ben H., 4th grade

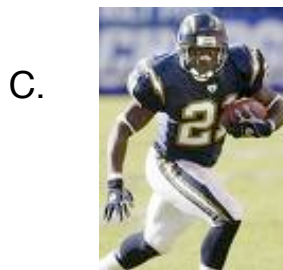
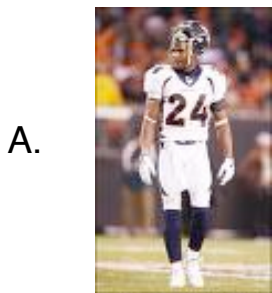


If you like sports, you will like this web site. All these games are sports. They have baseball, hockey, basketball, soccer, football, and skateboarding. On most of the newer games you can draft real players as kids. Every time you draft a team it saves it to the “clipboard.” Then, the next time you play, you can sign in and keep playing. In my opinion soccer is the most fun. If you go to the website you can play games such as “Pablo’s Hockey Challenge” in which you play harder and better people each time you win. So like I said, if you like sports, VISIT THIS WEBSITE!

www.backyardsports.com

Sports Quiz

letter	name	number	position



by Ben H., 4th grade

So what you do is you write each person’s letter, name, number, and position in the boxes to test your sports knowledge.





BY SAN G. GRADE 5



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950 Years before Star Wars Episode 1, Part 4*

Tom and Jack were busy buying groceries for their families. Tom's eldest son, Tron, was a Jedi knight now. Tom's second son, Gecko, was just a padawan. Tom's last son was named Tommy Tommy Hip (T.T.H.) and was only 4 years old. Jack's sons were named Leaf, Harry, Lamb, Tommy, Hip, and Jack Jr.

When they got home, Jack Jr. had already been eaten by the human-eating humans.

"Jack, are you a chicken?" Tom asked while touching his stomach.

"Tom, Jack Jr. was eaten by the human-eating-humans. It could be Booger-Hulks, too."

"I heard that there is a chicken mixed up with a Booger-Hulk. They were called Chick-Hulks? No. Booger-Chicken? No... Oh right, fried chicken!"

"No, we're not going to the chicken shop! We are trying to save JACK Jr.! Tom, Tron, Gecko, Leaf, Harry, Lamb, Tommy, and Hip, we're going to save your little brother!"

**Earlier episodes are available at www.edison-student-publishers.wikispaces.com*

Indiana Jones and the Explosion of the Death Star 2

Many people know that Death Star blew up when the Rebels rose and the Siths fell. When it blew up, it created a giant wave to the Milkyway, to Earth, and to a small village called Smallville.

At the time it exploded, Clark Kent became Superman, and Palpatine fell to the city New York. He splashed a bit of water to make the Statue of Liberty green. The smile on the Statue of Liberty disappeared, and then Palpatine disguised himself as Lois Lane and kidnapped the real one. Superman went to get Lois Lane. She jumped up and took out a silvery handle. But Superman grabbed his-her skin and ripped it off.

"Oooh! Silver! You gonna sell that on eBay?" Superman grabbed Palpatine and then spun him around and around and around and around and threw him off.

Superman saw a little tiny kid named Indiana Jones and gave him a ride on his back.

"I don't like this! I got sea sick now I'm getting sky sick!" Indy said this as he punched Superman on the face. But... Superman's body is like unbreakable metal.

"OWWWWWWW! I ain't riding you again!" Indiana Jones ran and looked for his mommy. He ran into his mommy's legs and started crying. He walked and walked and walked. He bumped into a tree and then he got a concussion. He forgot what just had happened. He still thinks that no one in the world can go to the moon.

STAR WARS Episode 7

Years passed after the battle of Endor. The Cloud City got bigger, and Luke got 7,000 more Jedis. But among them, there were the evil ones, the ones who called themselves the Dark Jedis. They got to learn about Darth Vader through Luke Skywalker, or Han and/or Leia Solo. The Dark Jedis wore a mask shaped like Palpatine, or a more advanced version of Darth Vader's mask. It was always a problem that all the guards at the councils were asleep.

"Guys, guys, guys, guys. Guys!!!" Jacen Solo, Luke Skywalker's nephew, said to the guards. Jacen forced them up.

"Habudee, Habudee ha!" Jacen heard the guards wake up. He ran back. Although the guards weren't running after him, Jacen was running, not realizing that the guards weren't following him. Meanwhile, Luke was walking to the council meeting. His wife, Mara Jade was coming also. He was excited to meet the new Jedis.

"Oomph!" Jacen crashed into Luke's stomach. "Well, that was... Habudee, Habudee Ha! Uncle! Help!" A bunch of kids came with holographic light sabers. Luke forced them and made them fall.

"Habudee, Habudee Ha!" said Jacen.

Luke looked down to his goofy nephew. "You know, you've got to stop saying that. Jacen." Luke said.

"Then, Hoobudee, Hoobudee Hoo!" Jacen said.

Luke saw Han. He looked into his future. He saw a man whipping an object. "Indy!" Luke heard. "Ahhhhh!" Luke cried.

"What's wrong with him?" Han said.

12 years passed, Luke was the council master. Han said he retired from his hero work, although Jacen never heard anything about his father being a hero. "You're not a hero, Dad. You're more of a fearo than a hero." Jacen said. Han was a little upset. So he said, "Stop! Jedis never, ever brag. Oh wait, you're the fedis, federal army for fearos."

Later.....

Jacen was preparing for the battle between the Siths and the Jedis. He jumped up in the air and turned 2 times and then... crashed.

"Owwwwweeeee!" Jacen cried out loud. Good thing that there weren't any Siths around... At least not yet. Soon, he plunged into the battle, slicing some of the Siths' light sabers. He then saw the Sith Lady. He jumped up and then fought the Sith Lady. She was too strong. A Jedi knight can't defeat a Sith Lady alone, he realized. He bowed down to her and decided it's better to be a Sith than a Jedi. He then started attacking the Jedis. Then, a red light flashed, and he fell.

Build It Yourself



By Chase M., 4th grade and David R. 5th grade

Build Your Wild Self

Have you ever wondered what you would look like in the wild? Well, now you can know. Just go to www.buildyourwildself.com and try it for yourself.

SPORE

By Caden M., 5th grade

Spore is a great game. You can make your own cells, creatures, outfits, buildings, vehicles, spaceships and planets! You can make anything from a social creature to a military nation! The game is easy to set up and learn. You can make the name of your creature anything from 'Fred' to 'Gebgwgdgbxbxbwhojbxsaahddshddx' to 'Toothpicks!' Just don't go too far out to sea, or a giant sea monster will eat you!!!!!! If you like action mixed science, you'll love spore. You can buy spore in any computer game store .If you want to learn more about Spore,type www.spore.com and go to the Spore web and see if spore is right for you!!!



Petpet Park



Drym

Neopets are online pets that are free and a lot of fun!!! Earn Neopoints (NP) by playing games and buy stuff for your Neopets (with Neopoints) like pets for them, called Petpets.

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PETPET PLAYPARK!!!!

It's finally here!!!!

Do you love petpets? If you do, then come to the Petpet Play Park!!! Here are some tips on how to explore the park.

Petpet Park Staff Guide

Have you ever been to the Petpet Park? It's one of the newest places in Neopia. It was made by the PPL (Petpet Protection League). The head of PPL Headquarters is Weltrude the Bruce. She will give you a prize once a day. Lindesen the Kacheek will answer all of your general Petpet Park questions at the help booth. She has a small part in the *Operation: Petpet Park* comics. Professor Patrice may look stern, but she'll always help your Petpet with Blocktular. Shortie, the Trick Match assistant, will help you with your trick-related questions. Portolio the chubby Skieth, runs the food shop called the Munchery. Professor Cecil Rigby is the dean of the Petpet University. He has a small but important part in the *Operation: Petpet Park* comics.

Well, that's everybody I'm prepared to tell you about. I hope you want to go to the Petpet Park now!

WARNING: Some Neopets games involve mild cartoon violence!

Fun Stuff!



By Emma J., 4th grade

I love Webkinz and I think you should get a cute Webkinz today and login to see a cool new world, too!! What I like about Webkinz is that they are fun to play with, they are cute, and there are many new Webkinz to buy.

They come with codes to get on to Webkinz World and play games and have fun. I really love my Webkinz and I say you have to get one.

Webkinz were released on April 29, 2005, by Ganz company. There are also things called Lil' Kinz. They are smaller and less expensive. But the Webkinz and Lil' Kinz still come with the same items.



Color this how you want!



I got my images from:
Webkinzworld101.wordpress.com
www.mylittlerembrandt.com
www.squidoo.com
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Webkinz
www.faniq.com
elmtrees.wordpress.com
archives.zinester.com

Edison Art: Photos by Yunis L., 4th grade



Left to right: Debra's Vase art, Kindergarten Eric Carle art, Kinder faces & names, Sunflower art, 4th-5th Graph art

PhotoBooth Creatures

By Zoe W., 5th grade

I like making weird creatures with the mirror ability Photo Booth on a Mac. Here are some them.

Don't worry, they won't eat you !! That is, if they like you!



Z-clops!



The Floating Hand of Doom!



Muscle Person!



The Floating Magician's hands !!!



It's a lady alien!!



What the heck?

Ho Jeong Interview

By Sam G., Grade 5

SG: Why are you so random?

HJ: I like bacons, do you?

SG: Last year, you said, 'Just then, the human-eating-humans ran down from their old house' in one of your stories. What did you mean?

HJ: DUDE SPEEEEEEEEEEEEEED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SG: What is your favorite food?

HJ: It's fun to fly.

SG: What is your favorite color?

HJ: Monkeys are flying in the windooooooooow!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SG: No they are not.

SG: What is your favorite movie?

HJ: Habbudie habbudie ha!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SG: This is hopeless. Okay, last question. Before I decided to interview you, you were going to interview yourself, how would you do this?

HJ: Peter Pan is heeeeeeeeeere!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SG: Alright, I QUIT!

Note: Read Ho Jeong's stories. They are FUNNY. No really, they are. If you know someone more random than Ho Jeong, please tell!



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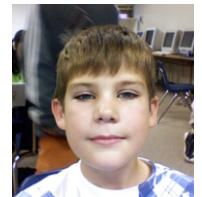
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